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第1話 その男「零」(だいわ おとこ ゼロ)

SIR...

THE PREPARATIONS HAVE ALMOST FINISHED...!

YOUR SONS HAVE STARTED...

AND YOUR RELATIVES...

I SEE...

IT'S JUST...

THEY'VE ALL AGREED TO PARTICIAPTE!

THAT WE'VE INVESTI-GATED...

AND THE QUALIFIED PEOPLE,

I DON'T CARE, JUST HANDLE IT QUICKLY!

HOW TO DEAL WITH THOSE OTHERS...

I AM AWAITING YOUR ORDERS ON...

IN THIS WORLD...

.....

JUST FIND A WAY...!

MAKE SURE TO MAKE IT ON TIME!

I DON'T HAVE MUCH TIME LEFT.

A KING...

YES, SIR!

A POWER-FUL KING!

A KING IS NEEDED!

STUDIO ALTA

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安井住友銀行

FOR THIS COUNTRY'S SAKE!

FOR THE SAKE OF THIS WORLD...!

NO...

我が国債

被振り込め詐欺

MONEY CONNED DURING BANK DEPOSIT TRANSFERS RETURNED!

義賊!?

RIGHTEOUS THIEVES?

THE PEOPLE WHO PAID MONEY THROUGH A BANK DEPOSIT TRANSFER TO THESE ACCOUNTS...

WE HAVE AN ANNOUNCEMENT TO MAKE.

KANTO BANK (普) 2712643
OOHIRA BANK (普) 7325447

ATTENTION CITIZENS.

なすまし

THE RATS OF HEISEI?

鼠小僧!?

THIS MESSAGE IS BEING BROADCASTED ALL THROUGHOUT THE KANTO REGION.

I REPEAT AGAIN, THE MONEY WILL BE RETURNED...

PLEASE BE SURE TO CONFIRM THIS RETURN.

WILL HAVE THEIR PAYMENTS RETURNED

THE MONEY IN IT HAS BEEN ALL WITH-DRAWN.

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い。

THE CRIMINAL'S BANK ACCOUNT SET UP TO RECIEVE THE PAYMENTS FROM THE VICTIMS..

ACCORDING TO THIS,

ABOUT THE STOLEN MONEY...

WE STOLE THE MONEY BACK. THEY WILL BE RETURNED ON YOUR SIDE.

-ZERO-

IN ORDER TO HIDE THEIR IDENTITIES...

FROM THESE RIGHTEOUS THIEVES...!

A MESSAGE WAS SENT,

YES.

WHAT A STORY THIS IS...!

MR. YAMA-MOTO,

JUST WOW.

THE LETTER WAS NOT HAND-WRITTEN...

I BELIVE THAT THIS IS THE NAME OF THE LEADER OF THESE RIGHTEOUS THIEVES...

ABOUT THE SENDER OF THIS LETTER, ZERO...

PERHAPS HE HAD A GRUDGE AGAINST HIS MEMBERS OR SOME OTHER REASON FOR BETRAYING..

IT'S PROBABLY SOMEONE DEEP WITHIN THE ORGANIZATION BEHIND THESE FRAUDS...

YOU'RE WRONG.

HMM...

JUST WHO DO YOU THINK THIS "ZERO" IS?

THAT SOMEONE FROM OUR ORGANIZATION WOULD BE THAT NICE...!?

YOU REALLY THINK...

IT'S OBVIOUSLY SOMEONE ELSE FROM THE OUTSIDE, NOT FROM WITHIN!

ABSOLUTELY IMPOSSIBLE!

LIKE WE WOULD DO SUCH A THING...!

THOSE BAS-TARDS...

IT'S SOMEONE FROM THE OUTSIDE, YOU DUMBASSES...!

THAT'S...

THESE FUCKING NEWS ANNOUNCERS DON'T UNDER-STAND SHIT!

THE RIGHTEOUS THIEVES HELD CAPITVE...!

AND THE PEOPLE HOLDING THEM CAPTIVE...!

AHHHH!

HII...!

ZERO...

CALL THAT GUY CALLED ZERO RIGHT NOW...!

TH-THAT'S...

THAT LEADER OF YOURS...

CALL HIM...!

YES, SIR.

HEY...!

WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU BLABBERING ABOUT?

BUT I ALREADY PROMISED NOT TO CALL...

THEN I GUESS YOU WON'T BE NEEDING THESE FINGERS!

IF YOU'RE NOT GOING TO CALL...

I'LL DO IT RIGHT NOW SO PLEASE DON'T...!

I'LL CALL, I'LL CALL!

I-I'M SORRY!

AGHHHH!!

DON'T FUCK WITH ME..!!

GOT IT!?

I'M ALREADY WAY PAST MY LIMIT...!

FU FU FU!!

YES!

AND TELL HIM THAT HE SHOULD COME AND JOIN YOU GUYS!

THAT FAMILY RESTAU-RANT...!

TELL HIM THAT YOU GUYS ARE AT THAT MEETING PLACE OF YOURS...

CALL HIM NOW...!

HA?!

TOO

TOO

HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE?

HE SAID THAT HE'LL BE COMING!

HE'S COMING...!

DON'T KNOW EXACTLY WHEN...

I, UH...

I SAID, WHEN IS HE GOING TO COME THERE BY?

HUH!?

NOW, NOW...

YOU FUCKING...

IDIOT!

UGH!

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HUH?

HOW DID IT EXACTLY HAPPEN?

YOUR PEOPLE HAVE BEEN QUITE MAGNIFICENTLY TRICKED...!!

BUT I MUST ADMIT,

OUR SUPERIORS ARE RATHER CURIOUS ABOUT THIS INCIDENT.

I KNOW IT MUST BE STRESSING FOR YOU TO TALK ABOUT HOW YOU WERE SWINDLED BUT...

NOW, NOW...

AND WE ALL HAVE A STAKE IN THIS...

AFTER ALL, WE'RE ALL IN THE SAME BUSINESS,

PLEASE, IF YOU WILL.

AND SO I MUST AK YOU TO CLEAR UP HOW THIS SITUATION CAME TO BE.

AM I WRONG?

HMM?

THE KEY...!

AND CAME TO DELIVER THE FOOD...

THEY DRESSED UP AS DELIVERY BOYS...

WHEN WE WERE ORDERING SOME FOOD FROM A SHOP,

THOSE BRATS...

THOSE KIDS MADE A COPY OF THE MASTER KEY TO OUR OFFICE...!

THEY SWITCHED THE KEYS...!

THEY TOOK THE REAL ONE AND LEFT THE FAKE KEYS...

ON THE TABLE!

WITH AN IDENTICAL FAKE...

BOTH KEYS LOOK IDENTICAL AND HAVE THE EXACT SAME KEYCHAINS, AS WELL!

WE DIDN'T EVEN NOTICE THAT THEY'D SWITCHED THE KEYS FOR SOME TIME...

THEY SWITCHED THE KEY TO OUR OFFICE,

WHAT?

WITH THE FAKE ONE AND TOOK OFF...!

THEY QUICKLY SWITCHED THE REAL KEY,

AND WHEN THEY WERE TAKING BACK THE FOOD PLATES,

THOSE KIDS HAD MADE A FAKE COPY BEFOREHAND,

THEY COULD NOW COME IN AND OUT OF OUR OFFICE AS THEY PLEASED!

HOW THE HELL WERE WE SUPPOSED TO NOTICE!

ANYWAYS..

THOSE KIDS...

BUT THEY WOULD STILL NEED THE CARD..

I SEE...

THEY PUT SOME LISTENING DEVICES AND HIDDEN CAMERAS AROUND THE PLACE!

WHEN THEY TOOK OUR KEY,

...

OOO

THEY SAW WHERE I KEPT THE CARD WHEN I GAVE IT TO SOME OF MY MEN TO GO GET SOME MONEY...

AND THAT'S HOW IT WAS LEAKED...!

WHAT ABOUT THE PASS-WORD?

IT WON'T TAKE LONG TO FIND IT...!

IT'S IN MY DESK. IF YOU LOOK AROUND MY DESK,

HMM.

THEY HAVE THAT TOO...

IT'S ALL USELESS UNLESS THEY KNOW THE CRUCIAL PASSWORD AS WELL...

SO THEN EVEN IF THEY STOLE THE CARD...

THEY STILL DON'T HAVE THE PASSWORD, RIGHT?

IT WAS WHEN I WAS ORDERING MY MEN...!

WHEN I GAVE THE CARD TO MY MEN TO GO GET THE MONEY, I TOLD THEM THAT THE PASSWORD IS BACKWARDS FROM THE SECOND LAST NUMBER.

I TOLD YOU!

WHAT?

DO YOU MEAN...

BY BACK-WARDS FROM THE SECOND LAST NUMBER...

BUT THAT'S...!

WAIT, WAIT, WAIT...!

FOR EXAMPLE, IF IT WERE THIS CARD,

AND READ IT BACK-WARDS, IT BECOMES...

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IF YOU TAKE THE SECOND LAST NUMBER OF THIS 7 DIGIT ACCOUNT NUMBER...

WHY WOULD YOU DO SUCH A...STUPID, CARELESS THING!?

B-BUT...!

YES...

AND THAT'S HOW YOU GET THE PASSWORD TO THE ACCOUNT?

DAMN IT!

I UNDER-STAND THE SITUATION NOW...

THOSE CRAFTY BASTARDS...

SO THEY SECRETLY LISTENED IN ON THAT CONVER-SATION AND FOUND OUT...

THIS AIN'T GOOD...

SUCH A BASIC MISTAKE...

YOU'LL HAVE TO SERIOUSLY THINK ABOUT THIS...!

ABOUT THE REIMBURSE-MENT OF THE LOSSES FROM THIS,

THE BOSS WANTS YOU TO CONSIDER,

I'D COVER FOR YOU IF I COULD, BUT I CAN'T.

OF COURSE IT'LL BE WITH INTEREST..

IF YOU'RE IN A TIGHT FIX, I CAN ALWAYS LEND YOU SOME MONEY...

IT'S ALRIGHT.

SHIT!

NGGRRH!

THE CAPTURED RIGHTEOUS THIEVES

I WONDER WHAT'LL HAPPEN TO US...

MITSURU

HIROSHI

YUUKI

AGHH!

D-DON'T SAY THAT!

MAYBE WE'LL BE KILLED HERE...

GONE... THROUGH WITH THIS!

I...NEVER SHOULD HAVE...

THAT WE WERE JUST FOLLOWING ZERO'S ORDERS.

EVEN THOSE YAKUZAS UNDER-STAND...

HEY!

HEY,

ALL BECAUSE OF WHAT ZERO SAID...

STOP!

IT'S ALL ZERO'S FAULT. HE'S RESPONSIBLE FOR EVERYTHING!

WE'RE NOT AT FAULT HERE...!

ZERO!

DON'T... TALK BADLY OF...

HE OPENED THE DOOR FOR US...

I MEAN THAT VERY LITERALLY...

IT'S AS HE SAID...

WE ALL HAD FUN.

I HAD FUN.

T-THAT'S TRUE BUT..

THE BREEZE THAT BLEW IN FROM THE NEW OPENING WAS SO REFRESHING!! IT MADE US FEEL ALIVE AGAIN!!

BUT THEN ZERO OPENED UP THAT CAVE FOR US...!

WE WERE LIVING MEANINGLESS LIVES. IT WAS LIKE LIVING IN A SEALED CAVE SUFFOCATING...

DID YOU FORGET ALREADY?

THE HAPPINESS AND EXCITEMENT WE EXPERIENCED, WHEN WE TOOK OUT THE MONEY...!

AND AFTER THE TV CHANNELS REPORTED THE NEWS,

AND NAMED US AS THE RIGHTEOUS THIEVES...!

THE REASON WHY WE WERE CAUGHT THIS TIME...

Y-YEAH BUT...

WEREN'T WE HAPPY THEN?

EVEN THOUGH ZERO WARNED US THAT THE YAKUZAS BEGAN TO NOTICE WHAT WAS GOING ON...

WAS OUR FAULT, NOT ZERO'S..!

WHEN I SAW THAT YOU GUYS WERE IN TROUBLE...

THOSE GUYS HAD ALREADY SURROUNDED US...!

AND WHEN WE WITH-DREW THE MONEY,

WE STILL WANTED A LITTLE BIT FOR OURSELVES...

AND I WAS STABBED!

AND CAME AFTER ME,

BUT THEY NOTICED ME,

JUST BY MYSELF...

I TRIED TO RUN AWAY...

WE'RE THE ONES TO BLAME...!

IN THE END,

WE'RE HELP-LESS...!

HAHA...

SO EVEN IF WE DIE HERE...

IT'S OURS.

IT'S NOT ZERO'S FAULT...!

IT'S NOT ZERO'S FAULT...!

WE SHOULDN'T BLAME HIM.

WE MUST NOT...!

HE'S OUR SAVIOUR...

HE SAVED US...!

ON THAT DAY 2 WEEKS AGO...

IF IT WEREN'T FOR HIM...

WE WOULD ALREADY BE DEAD...!

ISN'T THAT RIGHT?

WE PLANNED HOW TO KILL OURSELVES...

AFTER MEETING ON THAT WEBSITE...

ON THAT DAY...!

BUT DURING THEN...

AND ON THAT DAY 2 WEEKS AGO, WE MET UP AND CARRIED OUT OUR PLAN...!

...

AND SAVED US ALL!

FINALLY SHOWED UP LATE...

THE LAST PERSON ON OUR SUICIDE PACT WHO WE THOUGHT DECIDED NOT TO SHOW UP...

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WE WOULD HAVE DIED...!

THAT TROUBLE-SOME MAN!

THAT WAS ZERO!

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DARE YOU...

HOW...

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YOU LITTLE...

:COUGH:

AT FIRST WE WERE ANGRY.

EVERY-DAY!?

HOW MUCH WE'RE SUFFERING...

DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA...

TRY AND "SAVE" US!

SORRY!

I'M...

DO YOU!?

WELL!?

WE WERE DETERMINED TO PUT AN END TO OUR ANGUISH TODAY!

AND HOW DETERMINED YOU WERE TO COMMIT SUICIDE...

BUT...

I UNDER-STOOD THAT YOU WERE SUFFERING...

IT'S JUST...

RENCRAG

A FAVOUR?

HUH?

TO BE HONEST, I HAVE A LITTLE REQUEST TO ASK YOU GUYS...

WELL...IF YOU'RE DETERMINED TO DIE ALREADY...

THEN...

WHAT IS IT?

? ? ?

I WAS WONDERING IF YOU COULD GIVE YOUR LIVES...

TO ME...!

Coo

nixum

I'LL LET YOU BREATHE THIS AIR.

IF YOU GIVE THEM TO ME,

WHA-?

REFRESHING AIR...!

THIS SWEET, WONDERFUL...

NOT THE EXHAUST FUMES YOU'VE BEEN BREATHING IN THE CAR BUT...

WHA-?

DON'T YOU WANT TO TRY BREATHING THIS AIR?

WELL?

YES...

AIR...?

?

?

AIR!

IS RUNNING OUT OF WAX OR FUEL TO BURN, BUT RATHER BECAUSE OF...

IT'S NOT THAT THE CANDLE,

LET'S SAY A CANDLE...

IF YOU COMPARE OUR LIVES TO...

IT'S THE LACK OF OXYGEN THAT IS EXTINGUISHING OUR FLAMES!

OXYGEN!

YOU NEED FRESH AIR!

THAT'S WHY...

E.C.R.C.

864

YOU NEED FRESH AIR FROM A NICE COOL BREEZE!

INSTEAD OF THE STAGNANT AIR DEPRIVED OF OXYGEN,

I WILL STILL GUARANTEE YOUR DEATHS!

IT'S ALRIGHT!

JUST WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU..

RED CROSS

SO I'LL OPEN UP THE CAVE!

THERE'S A FATAL DOSAGE OF HYDROCYANIC ACID, A POISON, WITHIN THEM.

THESE ARE POISONOUS GUMS.

I'M SORRY FOR GETTING IN THE WAY OF YOUR ATTEMPTED SUICIDE EARLIER SO...

HUH?

WE'RE...

ED CROSS

HERE, TAKE ONE EACH.

WHAT?

THERE ARE MANY THINGS WE CAN DO!

FOR PEOPLE LIKE US,

AND SO WE'RE READY TO FACE DEATH AGAIN ANYTIME.

HUMANS THAT HAVE ALREADY DIED ONCE!

DO...

WE CAN'T...

BUT... THERE ARE ALSO THINGS THAT..

WILL BE OUR STRENGTH!

SO THIS...!

WE CAN DIE PEACE-FULLY!

WITH THIS...

AFTER-ALL...

NO NEED TO FEAR DEATH.

THERE'S NOTHING TO FEAR.

IT'S BETTER TO JUST DIE...

INSTEAD OF SUFFERING BEFORE...!

HII!

IT'S BEEN OVER AN HOUR ALREADY AND HE HASN'T CONTACTED YOU AT ALL!

HE AIN'T COMING.

THAT BASTARD!

THE LEADER PROBABLY ISN'T STUPID ENOUGH TO COME HERE...

CAN'T SAY I'M SURPRISED THOUGH...

COME HERE!

AH!

Crash

I DON'T HAVE MUCH OF A CHOICE!!

BUT EVEN IF THE CHANCES ARE SLIM...

NEVER SHOULD HAVE USED THESE IDIOTS...!

DAMN IT...

THIS TIME, YOU CALL HIM!!

I'LL TRY JUST ONE LAST TIME.

UWAA!

.....

YOU DON'T HAVE ENOUGH MONEY TO PAY FOR THE MEAL SO HE NEEDS TO COME OVER...

TELL HIM THAT YOU GUYS HAVE ALREADY FINISHED EATING AT THE FAMILY RESTAURANT BUT...

Y-YES.

MAKE SURE TO DO IT CONVINCINGLY!

ALRIGHT? NOW CALL HIM!

LISTEN UP!

WHAT DID YOU EAT?

HUH?

WAIT!

AH...

EH?

SHOULDN'T YOU HAVE AN ANSWER THOUGHT OUT BEFORE YOU CALL!?

JUST IN CASE HE ASKS WHAT YOU ATE AT THE RESTAURANT...

WHA? ? ?

HOW WOULD YOU ANSWER?

UGH!

YOU IDIOT!

HOW ARE YOU GOING TO BE CONVINCING WHEN YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW THE ANSWER TO THAT...!

I ALREADY TOLD YOU NOT TO FUCK WITH ME!!

STOP STUTTERING!

UMM..

UMM..

Y-YES!

AND THE PRICES TOO!

MAKE UP SOMETHING NOW!

HII!

YES!

IF...

YOU NEED TO SOUND AS NATURAL AS POSSIBLE!

CONCEN-TRATE!

STOP STUTTERING AND CALM THE FUCK DOWN!

TO LET JUST YOU GO FREE...!

I PRO-MISE...

IF YOU SUCCESSFULLY TRICK ZERO INTO COMING OUT TO THAT RESTAURANT AFTER YOUR CALL,

YES!

R-REALLY?

Y-YES!

SO I NEED YOU TO...

AH!

WHAT'S THIS?

HUH?

IT'S JUST GUM...

AHH... THAT'S... UMM...

UUU.

HEH HEH HEH

JUST GUM? I SEE...

BUT,

HAHA HA!

AHHH!!

WAIT! HEY YOU TWO THERE MUST HAVE THEM TOO!

WHAT!?

I'VE NEVER HEARD OF GUMS WITH A HOMING DEVICE INSIDE!

THIS IS SOME GUM, EH?

HEH HEH HEH.

WHO CARES!? WE CAN'T CALL HIM ANYMORE!

UMM, HE'S NOT PICKING UP...

BUT THAT WE'RE JUST USING YOU TO TRY AND LURE HIM OUT!!

HE FOUND OUT EVERY-THING!

BECAUSE OF THOSE HOMING DEVICES, HE KNOWS THAT YOU GUYS AREN'T REALLY AT THE FAMILY RESTAURANT...

THS ZERO..!

IT'S EXACTLY HOW IT LOOKS LIKE...!

HE'S EVEN CRAFTIER THAN I GAVE HIM CREDIT FOR...

THIS BASTARD...

HEH HEH...

IN OTHER WORDS,

THAT ZERO HAS BEEN MONITORING YOUR EVERY MOVEMENT!

FROM THE VERY BEGINNING,

IT SHOULD BE 'OBVIOUS..!

MUCH MORE THAN YOU IDIOTS!

...SHIT.

YOU RETARDS...!

BUT THAT'S...!

YOU WERE JUST BEING USED ALL ALONG!

I'M NOT THAT STUPID ENOUGH TO LET YOU GO FREELY!

THERE'S NO GOOD THAT'LL COME FROM DOING THAT...

WELL, THERE'S NO POINT IN KEEPING YOU IDIOTS ALIVE ANY LONGER...!

-CREAK-

-CREAK-

AGHHHH!

BUT JUST BEFORE THEN...!

AH!

AH!

...!!

ZERO!

ZERO!

I-IT'S...

WHY...?

N-NO WAY!

ZERO!

YOU REALLY CAME!

WHY?

WHY?

HE'S JUST GOING TO BE KILLED LIKE US HERE...

WHY DID HE COME...?

E.G.R.C.

864

E.C.R.C

ABOUT THAT..

I GUESS YOU FOUND OUT...

EVER CONSIDER GIVING YOU POISONOUS GUMS.

THERE'S NO WAY THAT I WOULD...

ESPECIALLY WHEN YOU GUYS JUST TRIED TO KILL YOURSELVES MERE MOMENTS AGO!

IF YOU THINK ABOUT IT,

WELL...

HAHAHA!

THE GUM WAS TO PREVENT YOU FROM COMMITTING SUICIDE!

IT WAS THE DIRECT OPPOSITE!

TO BE HONEST,

ZERO...

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EVER FELT LIKE KILLING YOURSELVES AGAIN...

IF YOU GUYS,

HUH?

SO IN OTHER WORDS,

E.C.R.C.

IF YOU HAD THE COURAGE TO KILL YOURSELVES ALONE YOU WOULD HAVE DONE THAT LONG AGO...

I MEAN...

I THOUGHT THAT YOU WOULD PROBABLY DO IT TOGETHER AS A GROUP AGAIN.

THAT'S WHAT THE GUMS WERE FOR.

IF I SAW THAT THE 3 OF YOU WERE EVER TOGETHER IN ONE PLACE FOR A LONG TIME, IT WOULD ALERT ME OF A POSSIBLE SUICIDE ATTEMPT!

I...

I HAVE SOME-THING TO SAY TO YOU...

HEY MISTER,

THOSE GUMS TURNED OUT TO BE MORE USEFUL THAN I THOUGHT.

BUT ANYWAYS...

I WANT YOU TO LET MY COMRADES GO!

ZERO!

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UUU...

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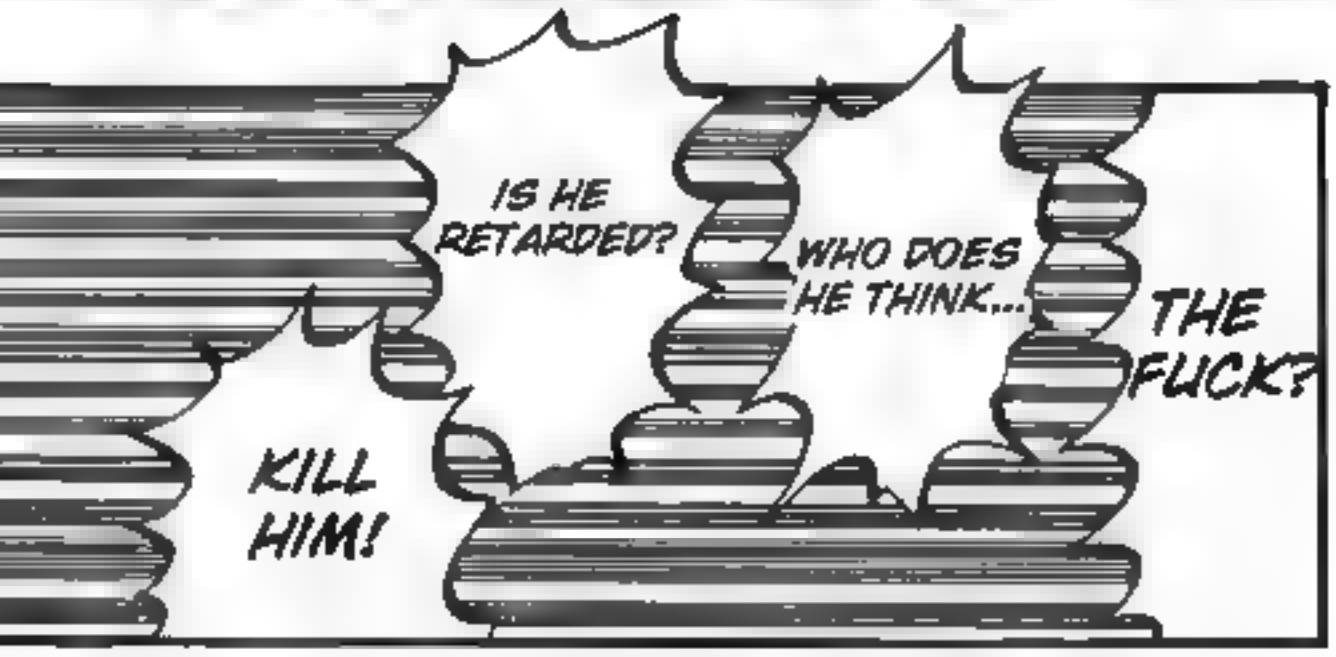
IS HE RETARDED?
WHO DOES HE THINK...
THE FUCK?
KILL HIM!

DID HE JUST...
WHAT?
LET'S KILL THIS FUCKING IDIOT!
SSHHH!

SHUT UP!

WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU SAYING "SSHHH" FOR!?

EH!!

SSHHH!

WHA...!

E.C.R.C

864

THAT SOUND OF YOUR GREATEST ENEMY...

CAN'T YOU HEAR THAT SOUND...

?

HUH?

CAN'T YOU HEAR IT?

?

WHAT?

?

LISTEN!

AHH!!

AND ASKED FOR THEIR ASSISTANCE.

I ALREADY TOLD THE POLICE THE SITUATION.

IT WON'T BE LONG NOW...

BEFORE I CAME HERE,

IT'S GETTING CLOSER!

A POLICE CAR SIREN!

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WITH THIS, THE POLICE KNOW WHERE I AM RIGHT NOW!

THEY'RE HEADED STRAIGHT HERE NOW AS WE SPEAK!

NOW, WHAT WILL YOU DO?

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GNRH!

JUST LOOK AT THE SITUATION!

YOU GUYS ARE ALL IN DEEP TROUBLE.

3 BRUTALLY BEATEN PEOPLE,

AND EVEN ONE STABBED PERSON WHO IS NOW DYING...

THIS IS ENOUGH EVIDENCE TO PUT YOU ALL IN PRISON AND MAYBE EVEN GET YOU CAPITAL PUNISHMENT.

YOU WOULDN'T WANT TO BE FOUND BY THE POLICE, ESPECIALLY IN HERE WITH THESE 4 VICTIMS...

RIGHT?

THAT'S WHY...

I'M TELLING YOU,

TO ALL RUN AWAY FROM HERE...!

YOU BASTARD...!

YOU...!

HEH HEH HEH.

GET AS ANGRY AS YOU WANT!

THAT'S RIGHT!

AND CAUSE US EVEN FURTHER INJURIES...

IF YOU LOSE YOUR TEMPER,

THEN YOUR PRISON SENTENCE WILL JUST GET LONGER WHEN THE POLICE GET HERE!

BOSS!

BOSS!

HE'LL BE IN PRISON THE LONGEST FOR SURE!

I WONDER WHO STABBED MITSURU...

FUCK!

I...I UNDER-STAND...

BOSS!

GOD... FUCKING... DAMN IT...!!

FUCK!

ALRIGHT, WE'RE LEAVING THIS PLACE RIGHT NOW!!

GOOD!

WELL...

ZERO!

ZERO!

EVERY-ONE!

LET'S HURRY UP AND GET OUT OF HERE!

I'M FINE.

MITSURU...

30...

50 POINTS!

HUH?

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W-WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? ANYWAYS, WE NEED TO GET GOING SO...

FOR YOUR CRAFTINESS.

?

?

?

IN FOOLING EVERYONE WITH SOMETHING LIKE THIS.

AND THE INGENUITY,

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ドドドド

50 POINTS!

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E.C.R.C

EHH?
HUH?
...!
AH!

EVEN IF IT WERE AN EFFECTIVE MEANS OF ESCAPE...
ゴッ

IN A PLACE SO CLOSE BY...
TO LEAVE THIS THING,
UWAA!
YOU LITTLE BASTARD!
ウヴヴ～～
ドゴッ
ウヴ～～

THAT'S WHY YOU WERE CAUGHT...

AND THIS IS WHAT EVENTUALLY RESULTED!

ZERO...

TO LEAVE SOMETHING LIKE THIS CLOSE BY... THERE'S A HIGH CHANCE OF IT BEING DISCOVERED!

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NNG...

IN A PLACE LIKE THIS, IT'S BETTER TO NOT RELY ON SOMETHING LIKE THAT!

YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE LEFT SOMETHING LIKE THAT LYING AROUND.

STOP!

SHUT UP, YOU LITTLE SHIT!

WHO ARE YOU!

LET THEM GO!

PLEASE RELEASE THEM THIS TIME.

I UNDER-STAND YOUR FEELINGS BUT...

SIR!?

WHA...?

HAHAHA...

I HAVE NO CHOICE.

HIGH AND MIGHTY?

...

ACTING ALL HIGH AND MIGHTY!

WHAT THE HELL!

IT'S FROM SOMEONE EVEN HIGHER ABOVE THAN I AM...!

THESE AREN'T MY ORDERS,

FROM SOMEONE HIGHER...?

WHO THE HELL IS THIS OLD MAN?

HUH?

HUH?

STOP!

YOU IDIOT...

AHHH!

THE LEADER OF THE ZAIZEN GROUP, THE MAN WHOSE FORTUNE WAS ESTIMATED TO BE OVER 3 TRILLION YEN. HE IS THE WEALTHIEST MAN IN JAPAN.

ZAIZEN MURYOU

(AGE 81)

IN THE BUSINESS, POLITICAL AND EVEN THE CRIMINAL UNDERWORLDS, HE IS THE ONE WHO HOLDS SUPREME POWER OVER ALL. HIS ENORMOUS WEALTH HAS EARNED HIM THE NICKNAME AS THE GOD OF MONEY.

IT'S FINE.

I FAILED TO RECOGNIZE...

PLEASE EXCUSE MY UNGRATEFUL BEHAVIOUR!

PLEASE...

YES SIR!

THE FREEDOM FOR THESE CHIVALROUS THIEVES...

WON'T YOU SELL THEM TO ME...?

MORE IMPOR-TANTLY,

I DO NOT MIND...

I THINK THIS WILL DO...

THIS IS NOT MUCH BUT,

NO, NO...

BUT THERE'S NO NEED TO PAY US...!

OF COURSE SIR!

HERE...

10 YEN FOR EACH PERSON.

WHAT?

N-NO SIR!

ANY COM-PLAINTS?

MMM...

I'LL GLADLY ACCEPT...

THANK YOU VERY MUCH SIR!

OF COURSE NOT!

WAIT!

THEN WE WILL TAKE OUR LEAVE NOW...

THIS MIGHT BE SOME SORT OF FATE.

IS THERE SOME PROBLEM?

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I WILL LET YOU PEOPLE PARTICIPATE AS WELL!

A TEST TO BECOME A KING!

A TEST!

WHAT... WILL WE BE EXACTLY PARTICIPAT-ING IN ?

THIS IS A TEST TO FIND THAT PERSON!

FOR THE ONE QUALIFIED TO BECOME A KING!

I AM SEARCHING,

WHAT?

I WILL LET YOU PARTICIPATE IN THIS TEST...TO SEE IF ANY OF YOU ARE WORTHY OF BECOMING A KING!

TO GIVE THEM THIS MOST INTERESTING OPPORTUNITY!

I ORIGINALLY ONLY CAME HERE TO GIVE THIS CHANCE TO THE "CHIVALROUS THIEVES"...

BUT TO BE HONEST...

YES...

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RELAX, ZERO...

DON'T BE SO SUSPICIOUS NOW...

HAHAHA!

EVEN IF THEY WISHED...

WHO CAN'T EVEN HAVE A FRESH START ON LIFE,

IT'S THE OPPO-SITE!

TO YOU KIDS SUFFERING FROM DESPAIR IN YOUR DAILY LIFE,

IN FACT,

THIS IS NOT A BAD THING.

THIS IS THE PERFECT CHANCE TO BEGIN ANEW!

SOMETHING SPECTACULAR WAS BUILT.

IN A MOUNTAIN SOMEWHERE,

3 DAYS AFTER,

THE KINGDOM OF DREAMS!

THIS WAS TRULY...

THE ZAIZEN GROUP HAD BUILT A GAMBLING AMUSEMENT PARK OF SORTS FOR THIS EVENT!

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MANY MANY BUSES TRANSPORTED EVEN MORE MEN ALL AROUND THE COUNTRY.

FOR THIS EVENT,

AND OTHERS WERE LIKE ZERO WHO WERE LUCKY ENOUGH TO BE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY!

SOME OF THE MEN WERE BLOOD RELATIVES OF ZAIZEN,

THEY HAD ALL GATHERED IN THIS ONE PLACE FOR ONE REASON!

WHATEVER THEIR RELATION WAS...

FOR TAKING THE TIME TO COME OUT ALL THE WAY HERE.

I'D LIKE TO FIRST THANK YOU ALL,

TEST

YOU WILL MOST CERTAINLY NOT BE DISAPPOINTED AT THE OPPORTUNITY YOU ARE ABOUT TO BE GIVEN!

AND YOUR EFFORTS WERE NOT IN VAIN...

A CHANCE LIKE THIS WILL NEVER APPEAR BEFORE YOU A SECOND TIME!

THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU ALL TO RESTART YOUR LIVES!

THIS IS A BIG CHANCE...!

SHALL WE GET STARTED!

NOW...

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IN THIS KINGDOM OF DREAMS,

STARTING TODAY,

YOU WILL RISK YOUR LIVES!

WHAT IS HE THINKING...?

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WHAT DOES HE MEAN BY THAT?

RISKING OUR LIVES...

HE DID SAY BEFORE,

THAT WE COULD RESTART OUR LIVES...

AND SOMETHING ABOUT A TEST TO DETERMINE THE KING...

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DUM-BASSES

EXACTLY WHAT DID...

HEH HEH HEH...

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AND ACTUALLY CAME ALL THE WAY OUT HERE!

I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU TRASH TOOK ZAIZEN'S WORDS SERIOUSLY,

HAVE NO RIGHT TO PARTI-CIPATE!

FOR AN EVENT LIKE THIS, WEAK-WILLED TRASH LIKE YOU...

YOU'RE NOTHING BUT TRASH!

YOU'RE ALL BETTER OFF DEAD...

THAT'S WHY...

ONLY MEN LIKE THAT HAVE THE RIGHT TO TAKE PART IN THIS EVENT.

IS FOR THOSE WITH BIG ASPIRATIONS AND THE DETERMINATION TO BACK IT UP...

THIS EVENT,

YOU WERE PRETTY LUCKY!

BUT, YOU!

YOU IDIOTS ARE ALL BETTER OFF DEAD...

QUITE THE LUCK...

FROM THAT TIME WE STABBED YOU!

HARD TO BELIEVE THAT YOU RECOVERED JUST FINE...

YOU HAVE A DECENT CHANCE!

I WON'T SAY ANYTHING BAD ABOUT YOU!

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YOU DESERVE TO PARTICI-PATE!

YOU SHOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR SUCH LUCK.

OTHERWISE YOU HAVE A GOOD CHANCE FOR THIS EVENT TODAY!

THAT YOUR LUCK HASN'T RUN OUT!

BUT LET'S JUST HOPE...

HAHAHA!

TO WHAT WE'RE GATHERED HERE FOR TODAY...

HOW IS LUCK RELATED...

WHAT?

UMM...

YOU'RE ALL GATHERED HERE TODAY FOR A...

LISTEN UP!

OH, IT'S RELATED ALRIGHT!

GAMBLE...!

HUH?

HEH HEH

I'VE LOOKED INTO SOME THINGS SINCE LAST TIME...

HE ALREADY TOLD YOU, "THE ROAD TO BECOME A KING!"

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THESE ARE FROM THE VERY WORDS OF ZAIZEN HIMSELF!

I AIN'T SPOUTING SOME NONSENSE HERE.

ALL THE MILLIONAIRES AND BILLIONAIRES OF THE WORLD...

THERE WILL BE AN EVENT WHERE...

THAT IN A COUPLE MONTHS FROM NOW,

I'VE HEARD...

A GAMBLE!

WILL COME TO GATHER AND FIGHT ON EVEN GROUNDS...

THIS EVENT WILL BRING POWERFUL MEN LIKE THEM...

TO ONE PLACE FOR A SINGLE PURPOSE!

THE KING OF STOCK MARKETS!

A BUSINESS TYCOON,

AND EVEN...

AN OIL MAGNATE FROM A CERTAIN COUNTRY,

IN THIS EVENT,

WHERE THESE MEN BET THEIR ENORMOUS FORTUNES...!

A GAMBLE...

IN OTHER WORDS, THIS EVENT IS...

IS ZAIZEN!

THE ONLY ONE FROM JAPAN TO PARTICIPATE...

WHO WILL BE THE GAMBLER TO REPRESENT AND HANDLE ZAIZEN'S FORTUNES!

AN EVENT TO DETERMINE...

QUIET DOWN!

YOU THERE!

YOU WOULD BECOME ONE OF THE KINGS OF THIS WORLD!

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FUFU...

E-EXCUSE ME!

THEN SHALL WE CUT STRAIGHT TO THE CHASE?

IT SEEMS THAT MANY OF YOU HAVE ALREADY HEARD WHAT THAT MAN JUST SAID.

HMM... OH WELL.

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52 BILLIONAIRES ATTENDING THAT EVENT.

BUT ONLY ONE...

THERE WILL BE APPROXIMATELY,

WHERE EACH PARTICIPANT IS A BILLIONAIRE WHOSE FORTUNES EXCEED A MINIMUM OF 1 TRILLION EN...

ZAIZEN WILL INDEED TAKE PART IN THAT GAMBLING EVENT,

WHAT HE SAID WAS INDEED TRUE!

WILL EMERGE AS THE VICTOR... AS THE KING!

ONLY ONE...!

ENTRUST THE WINNER OF TODAY'S EVENT WITH...

WE WILL LEGITIMATELY,

IN OTHER WORDS,

AS THE JAPANESE REPRESENTATIVE!

ALL 3 TRILLION YEN OF ZAIZEN'S FORTUNE...

THERE ARE NO GUARANTEES...

OF COURSE...

U...

...!

YES, SIR!

MEN...!

AND ACHIEVE A CLEAR-CUT VICTORY...

BUT IF YOU MANAGE TO DEFEAT THE OTHER BILLIONAIRES...

HU...

AH...!

AT LEAST THIS MUCH!

WE CAN GIVE YOU...

TAKE THIS STACK OF MONEY THAT'S WORTH...

TAKE IT...!

I TRIL-LION YEN!

HOLY FUCK!

OH...MY... GOD...

B-BOSS!

→COUGH←
→COUGH←

UOOOHHH!

AHHH!

UWEEH...

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ME TOO!

ME TOO!

ME TOO!

I WILL!

I'LL DO IT!

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THIS IS CRAZY!

UH!

JUST A MINUTE AGO...

A HUGE AMOUNT OF MONEY, BUT...

IT DEFINITELY IS A TRILLION YEN...

THIS MONEY!

THAT THERE'S 52 TRILLION YEN AT STAKE...!

WHICH WOULD MEAN!...

WERE PARTICIPATING...

HE SAID THAT 52 PEOPLE WHO HAVE AT LEAST 1 TRILLION YEN...

WOULDN'T THERE BE THAT MUCH AT STAKE?

AT THE VERY LEAST THERE WOULD BE... 100 TRILLION YEN!

SO THEN...

NO...THERE WOULD ALSO BE MANY OTHERS WHO, LIKE ZAIZEN, HAVE FORTUNES GREATER THAN 3 TRILLION YEN...

WINNING JUST A TRILLION YEN IS...

COMPARED TO THAT MUCH...

0.1%……!

1/1000……!

HOW IS THIS THE ROAD OF A KING…?

DON'T TRICK US!

THIS IS JUST SMALL CHANGE TO THEM…!

WHAT… IS THIS?

BECOMING A KING, MY ASS!

0.1% OF THE PROFIT..

ZAIZEN!

ALL OF YOU..

FILTHY...

UGLY...

UGH..

FILTHY DOGS...

ACTING LIKE DOGS BEFORE FOOD!

AT A MERE TRILLION YEN...

BECOMING SO UNSIGHTLY,

TO YOU DOGS,

ALWAYS SEARCHING FOR SCRAPS,

THEY CAN'T EVEN TAKE MY WORDS SERIOUSLY...

THEY HAVE NO RIGHT...

I CANNOT STAND THIS...

TO THE LUCK OF A KING!

EVEN THIS IS MUCH MORE THAN YOU DESERVE!

NEVER ASPIRING FOR ANYTHING MORE, LAZY VERMIN!

WITHOUT EVER PROPERLY USING THEIR HEADS...

LIVING UNTIL NOW...

BECAUSE THEY ARE HUMANS THAT RELY ON THEIR HANDS AND NOT THEIR HEADS!

HEE HEE HEH HEH.

IT'S IMPOSSIBLE FOR PEOPLE LIKE YOU TO BECOME A KING!

IMPOSSI-BLE...

NO...

NOW THAT I LOOK CLOSELY...

LOOKS LIKE THERE MAYBE SOME WORTHY ONES OUT THERE!

JUST A FEW...

HEE HEE HEH HEH.

ZERO!

AHH!

THIS IS AMAZING!

IF WE WIN A TRILLION YEN...

WE CAN DO ANY-THING!

EVEN IF WE USE 100 MILLION A DAY, IT'LL LAST 10 THOUSAND DAYS!

WHICH WOULD BE...

AROUND 30 YEARS!

THIS IS THE CHANCE OF A LIFETIME!

ALRIGHT!

ALL THE PEOPLE THAT HAVE BEEN SCAMMED...

HUH?

WITH THAT MUCH, WE CAN SAVE THEM!

EVERYBODY CAN BE...!

I WOULD BE RESPECTED AND RECOGNIZED BY HIM...

IF I BECOME HIS REPRESENTATIVE AND WIN...

AND THEN I'M SURE I COULD CONVINCE HIM FOR EVEN A GREATER AMOUNT OF MONEY...!

NO...

HUH?

HE'S THINKING THE SAME AS ME...!

HE...

THAT'S WHAT WE SHOULD DO!

IF YOU ACTUALLY SAID THAT TO ZAIZEN AND...

ARE YOU INSANE!

YOU IDIOT!

AHHH!!

THAT'S MORE THAN ENOUGH MONEY TO DO ANYTHING!!!

A TRILLION YEN!

ARE YOU INSANE!

HE BECAME ANGRY, WHAT WOULD YOU DO!

FOR CHRIST'S SAKE!

WELL.. UMM...

IF YOU WIN...

IF...

ARE YOU STILL TALKING ABOUT SUCH THINGS!

STOP JOKING AROUND!

SAVING PEOPLE WHO'VE BEEN SCAMMED?

WELL THAT'S TRUE...

TO DO ANYTHING YOU'VE EVER WANTED TO DO BEFORE!

YOU CAN USE THAT MONEY ON YOURSELF!

WE'RE THE RIGHTEOUS THEIVES!

BUT...

NORMALLY, I'D THINK LIKE THAT TOO...

I WANT TO...

THAT'S WHY..

WE'RE HUMANS THAT HAVE ALREADY DIED ONCE!

AND...

SAVE AND HELP PEOPLE!

YOU IDIOT!

IF I WIN THE MONEY...

THAT'S WHY..

I MEAN... IT'S SOMETHING THAT I COULD NEVER DREAM ABOUT DOING AS AN ORDINARY PERSON!

AH!

ZERO..

HUH?

HE'S LOST HIS MIND!

ZERO! SAY SOMETHING TO HIM!

RED CROSS

WELL, ZERO?

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

ME?

ME?

HUH?

OR ARE YOU...

ARE YOU OF THE SAME OPINION AS HIROSHI?

NOW,

THERE'S SOMETHING WRONG WITH THE TWO OF YOU!

IF YOU WOULD ALL PLEASE QUIET DOWN...

THIS SHOULD BE SUCH AN OBVIOUS THING!!

HMMM...

MMM...

LET US START,

WITH THE MAIN TASK OF...

NOW THEN,

QUIET!

QUIET,

LET US BEGIN!

FOR THE REAL TEST THAT WILL BEGIN LATER.

PICKING THE CONTESTANTS THAT WILL GET TO COMPETE,

LET'S RLAY A LITTLE GAME!

BEFORE THEN...

BUT,

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I MAY HAVE SAID, "A LITTLE GAME" BUT,
IT'S ACTUALLY RATHER IMPORTANT!
ONLY THE WINNERS OF THIS GAME...
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IN THE KINGDOM OF DREAMS!
PARTICIPATE IN THE MAIN EVENT,
WILL BE ALLOWED TO...

THE GAME ITSELF IS QUITE SIMPLE.

WELL...

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WHA-!

AND THEN,

カチャ... カチャ... カチャ...

PUT IN THIS BOWL!

A DICE WILL BE,

チャ...

CAN YOU SEE IT?

THE FIRST RESULT WAS A 1!

AS YOU CAN SEE THE IMAGE PROJECTED ON THE SCREEN BEHIND ME...

GENTLE-MEN!

カチャ…

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AGAIN, IT'S A 1!

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NOW THEN,

LET'S ROLL AGAIN.

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LET'S ROLL ONE MORE TIME....!

ONE MORE...

ONE MORE...

AND IT'S 1 FOR THE 3RD TIME IN A ROW...!

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NOW THEN...

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NOW...

TIME FOR THE QUESTION!!

THE LAST ROLL WAS?

JUST WHAT DO YOU THINK...

AS YOU ALL SAW...

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HUH?

I COVERED THE BOWL SO YOU COULDN'T SEE WHAT THE LAST ROLL WAS!

SO I WOULD LIKE YOU GENTLE-MEN,

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AS TO WHAT THE RESULT WAS!

TO VENTURE A GUESS...

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PLEASE LOOK BEHIND!

IN EACH OF THE 6 STATIONS STANDING BEHIND YOU!

THERE ARE 6 CIRCLES MARKED 1 FROM 6...

YOU MUST STAND ON ONE OF THESE MARKED CIRCLES!

IN THIS GAME,

IT'S QUITE SIMPLE, RIGHT!

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THAT'S IT...!

ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS STAND IN THE ONE YOU THINK THE RESULT WAS.

AS YOU CAN PLAINLY SEE..

1 IN 6 CHANCE OF GETTING THE CORRECT ANSWER!

IN OTHER WORDS,

YOU HAVE A,

SIR!

PLAY THE VIDEO..

YOU THERE!

AS YOU CAN SEE IN THIS VIDEO...

YOU ENTER THE CIRCLE YOU THINK IS THE ANSWER...

BUT IF YOU WERE WRONG,

YOU WILL BE SHOWERED WITH MONEY!

AND IF YOU'RE CORRECT,

FALL ON YOU!

A GIANT RUBBER BALL WILL...

SEEMS FUN, RIGHT?

IN ANY CASE...

IT IS JUST A RUBBER BALL FOR KIDS AFTER ALL...

HOW IS IT?

HAHA.

BUT FOR TODAY'S EVENT,

A FOOTAGE FROM A GAME SHOW THAT WILL BE BROADCASTED SOMETIME NEXT YEAR.

THIS WAS...

IF YOU LOOK,

THERE WILL BE SOME CHANGES...

THE GIANT RUBBER BALLS...

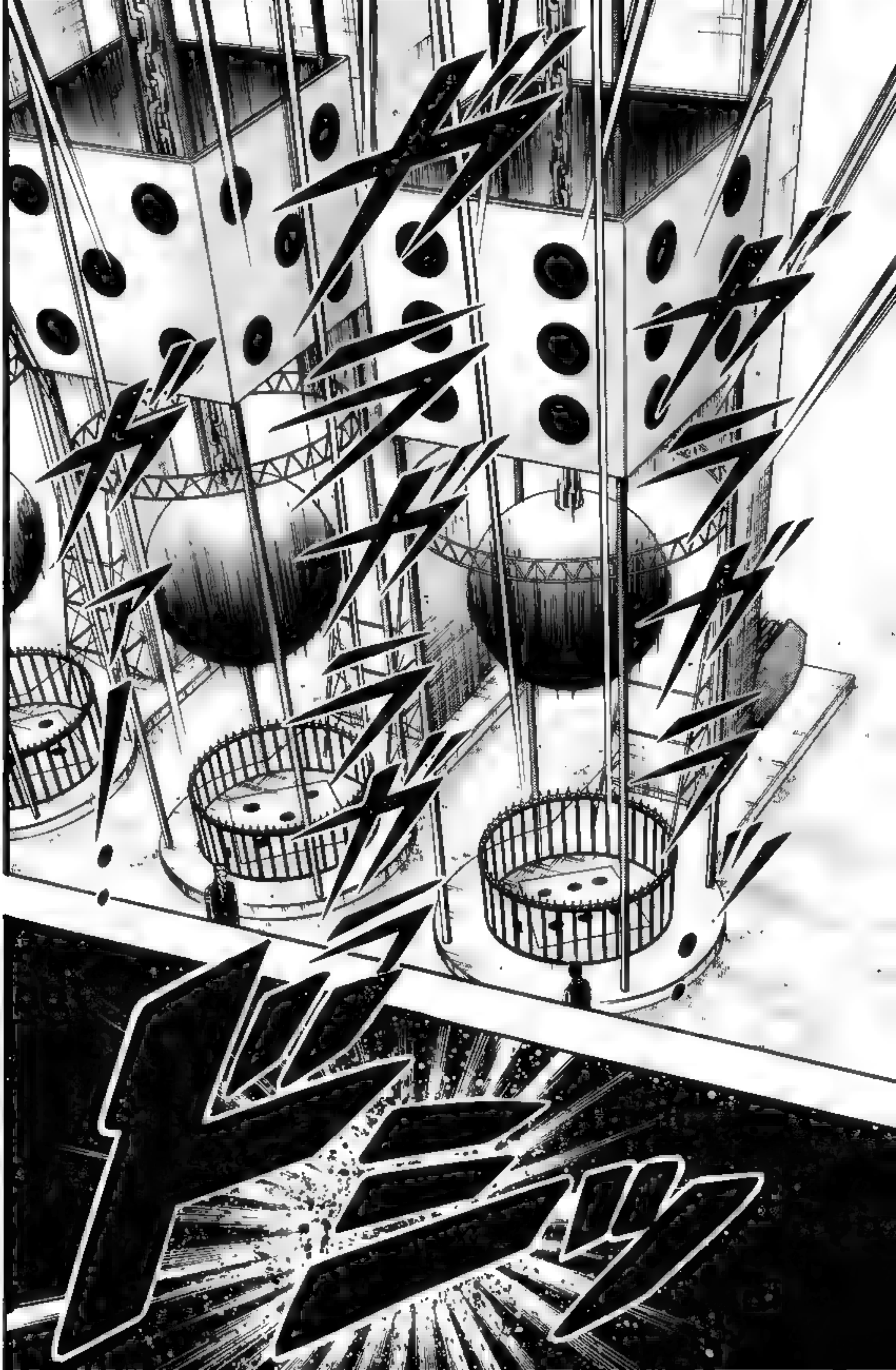
HAVE BEEN REPLACED BY REAL STEEL BALLS!

HUH?

WHA-?

YES SIR!

HEY!



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AGHH!

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UWAA!

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HII...!

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AHH...!

THE BALL WILL NOT CRUSH YOU IF YOU GET THE RIGHT ANSWER!

NO NEED TO PANIC!

HEH HEH HEH..

BE...

I'LL...

KILLED...

CHOOSE THE CIRCLE YOU LIKE!

NOW THEN, GO!

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BY ALLOWING THEM TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MAIN EVENT!

I WILL REWARD THEIR BRAVERY.

IN OTHER WORDS,

EVEN IF YOU DON'T GUESS THE RIGHT NUMBER...

TO THOSE WHO AT LEAST ENTERED THE CIRCLE,

QUITE A GOOD DEAL, IF YOU ASK ME.

BOTH THE WINNER AND THE LOSERS WILL CLEAR THIS EVENT!

IF WE DON'T GUESS THE RIGHT NUMBER...

THAT DOESN'T CHANGE SHIT!

THAT STEEL BALL WILL CRUSH US!

ARE YOU INSANE...?

I'M DOING THIS FROM THE GOODNESS OF MY HEART. HOW GENEROUS I AM. HAHAHA.

YOU'RE LEAVING YOUR LIFE ALL UP TO LUCK!

IN THE END...

WHAT THE HELL!!

YOU AREN'T BEING GENEROUS AT ALL!

NOTHING'S CHANGED!

THIS IS TOO RECKLESS!

DIDN'T YOU SEE IT!?

BOSS...

HUH?

THAT'S WRONG!

NO...

THE 1 CAME UP 3 CONSECUTIVE TIMES...!

JUST NOW... ON THE SCREEN,

YOU IDIOT!

BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN THAT THE NEXT ROLL WILL BE A 1 AS WELL...

WELL..YEAH BUT...

IT'S A DIE THAT WILL ROLL NOTHING BUT 1'S!

A LOADED DIE!

IN OTHER WORDS,

HOW LIKELY DO YOU THINK ROLLING THREE 1'S IN A ROW IS!?

EVEN THAT MAN SAID IT BEFORE!

THIS IS A TEST OF YOUR OBSERVATION SKILLS AND INSTINCT!

DURING THE EXPLANA-TION,

HAA....

AND BY OBSERVATION SKILLS, IT'S THIS!

IT'S EXACTLY THAT!

THAT'S THE THING!

WHICH IS WHY IN THIS PROBLEM, THEY'RE TESTING US...

EVEN IF WE KNOW BETTER, WE CAN'T HELP BUT DOUBT OURSELVES!

WHAT IF IT ISN'T A LOADED DIE AND IT WAS JUST A COINCIDENCE THAT IT ROLLED THREE 1'S...?

B-BUT BOSS...

EXACTLY!

YOU NEED TO BE RESOLUTE IN YOUR GUT INSTINCT UNTIL THE VERY END!

THAT'S WHY...

THIS IS A SITUATION THAT OCCURS FREQUENTLY IN GAMBLES!

TESTING US FOR DETERMI-NATION...!

ONCE THAT HAPPENS, YOU FIND YOURSELF FROZEN!

THIS EVENT...

YOU STILL CAN'T HELP BUT THINK, "WHAT IF...?"

BUT..

YOU'D THINK THAT.

NORMALLY, ROLLING THREE 1'S IN A ROW IS IMPO-SSIBLE!

OUR GAMBLING INSTINCTS!

IS DESIGNED TO SEE HOW WE'LL ACT IN SUCH A SITUATION! IT'S ALL TO TEST...

THE ORGA-NIZERS,

THEY SPECIFICALLY CREATED THIS SITUATION FOR THIS PURPOSE!

ANYONE CAN SEE THAT THE DIE IS SUSPICIOUS!

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YOU BEGIN DOUBTING YOURSELF AND CAN'T CONCENTRATE ON THE MATCH AT ALL!

WHEN YOU LOSE DETERMI-NATION,

THEY ARE TESTING US FOR THAT...!

ZERO!

HMM...

WHAT SHOULD WE DO?

THEY'RE TESTING WHETHER OR NOT WE HAVE THE MOST CRUCIAL THING TO A GAMBLER!

THEY ARE MOST LIKELY TESTING US.

I THINK I GET IT NOW.

I DON'T KNOW WHO THOUGHT OF IT BUT...

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...THE HEAD!

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HUH?

THAT KID...!!

WHAT THE...?

AHH!

HE ALREADY MADE HIS DECISION...!

THAT KID JUST...

IF I CAN'T EVEN RISK MY LIFE HERE,

I'LL NEVER ACHIEVE ANYTHING!

THIS IS THE FIRST STEP TO WINNING THAT TRIL-LION YEN!

SHIT!

LET ME IN!

ME TOO!

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MOVE!

BUT...

THE STATION FOR 1 HAS REACHED ITS MAXIMUM LIMIT! GO PICK OTHER NUMBERS!

STOP!

□.....!

THAT 1 IS PRETTY POPULAR...

HEH HEH

PLEASE!

JUST LET ME IN!

PLEASE!

WILL THAT REALLY BE ALRIGHT?

HMM...

BUT I WONDER...

DAMN IT!

THE 1 IS ALL FULL, IT'S NO GOOD!

AH!

1 MINUTE REMAINING TO MAKE YOUR DECISION!

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WE HAVEN'T LOST OUR CHANCE YET!

IT'S FINE!

NO...

WE'VE LOST OUR CHANCE!

HUH?

THE OTHERS ARE ALL STILL EMPTY!

LOOK!

JUST GET IN!

WHY 2?

WHAT?

LET'S GO WITH THIS.

IT'S ALL THE SAME!

THERE'S NO GUARANTEES OR ADVANTAGES ON ANY NUMBER.

IT'S THE SAME NO MATTER WHICH NUMBER YOU CHOOSE!

HA HA HA

ALRIGHT THEN!

WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT?

HUH?

ZERO!

ARE YOU AN IDIOT?

HEY, HEY!

WHAT-EVER, IT'LL BE FINE!

HA HA...

DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND ANYTHING?

IT'S A LOADED DIE!

ANYONE CAN SEE THAT IT WILL BE A 1!

THE ONE WHO DOESN'T UNDER-STAND ANYTHING IS YOU!

UNFORTU-NATELY...

TRY TO REMEMBER WHAT THAT GUY SAID WHEN HE WAS EXPLAINING THE GAME.

HUH?

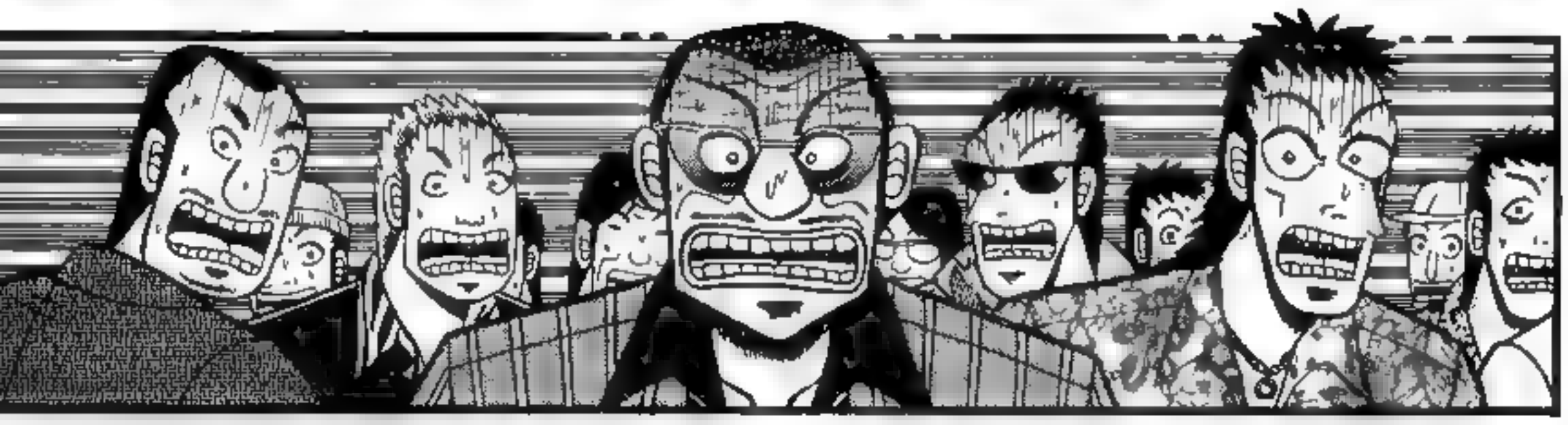
WAS THE ONE SHOWN ON THE SCREEN!

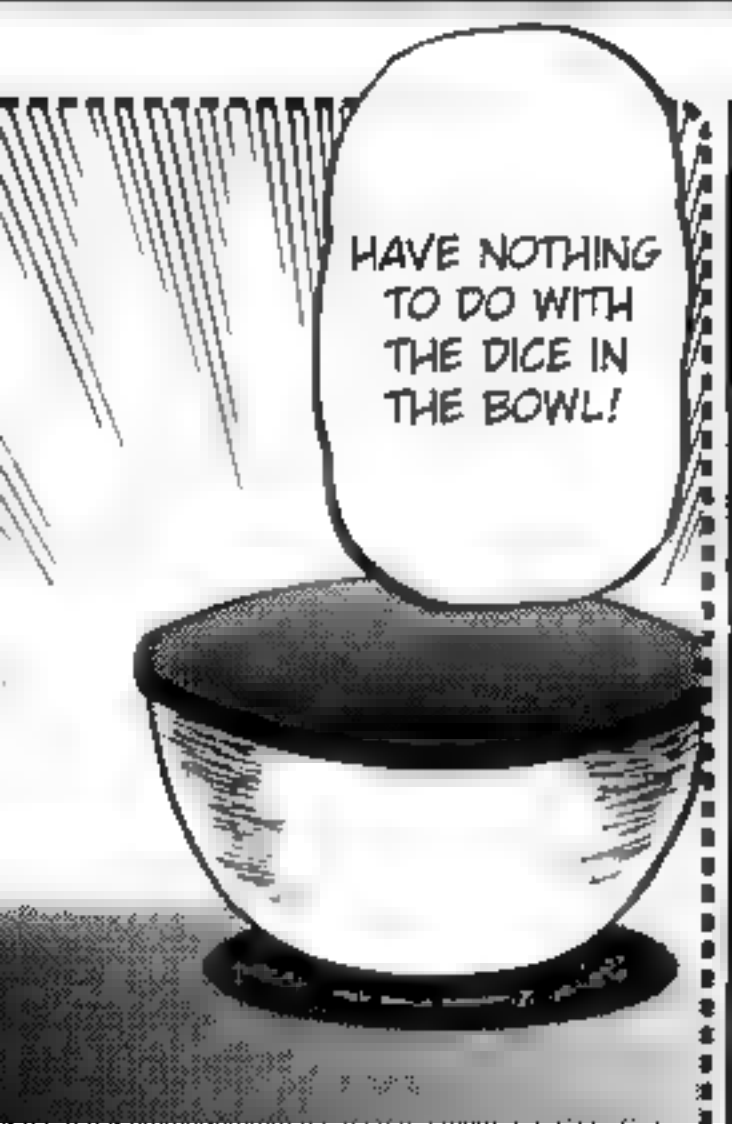
THAT THE DICE IN THE BOWL,

NOT ONCE!

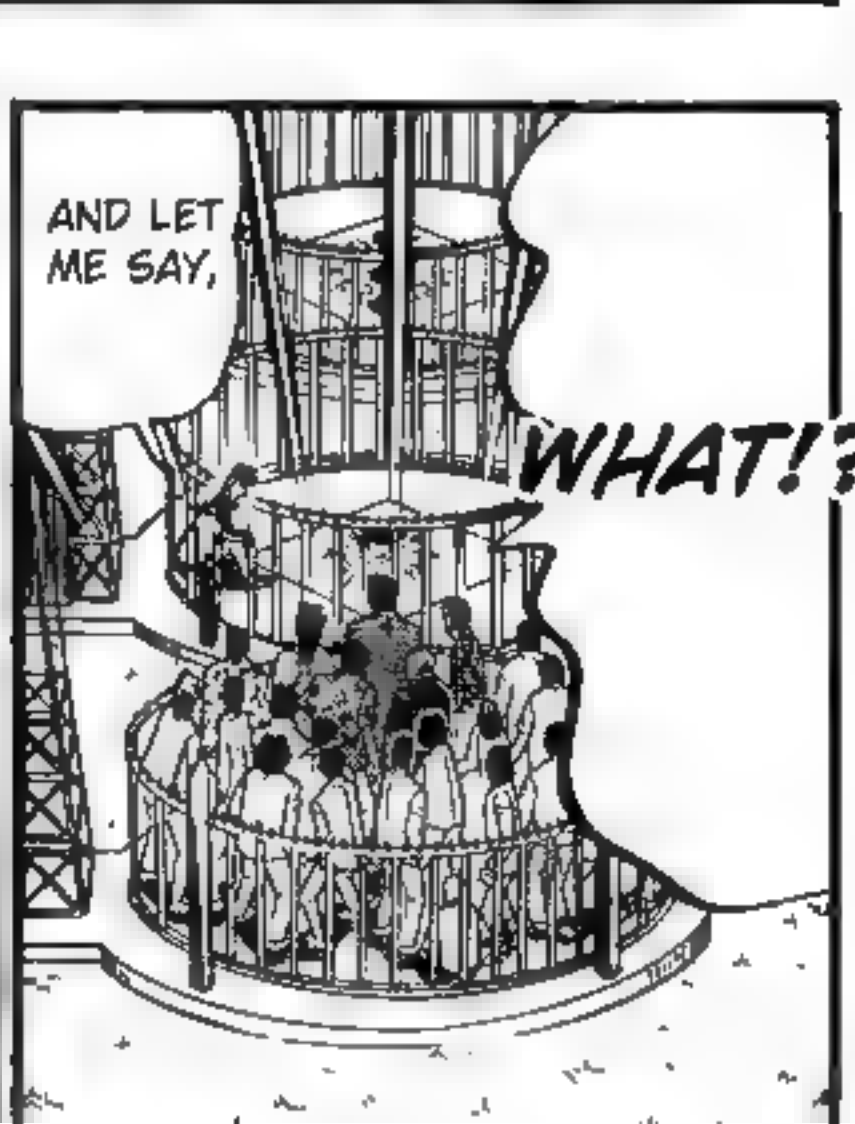
HE NEVER SAID IT!

HUH?
HE NEVER ONCE SAID THAT THE SCREEN PROJECTED BEHIND HIM WAS THE ACTUAL IMAGE OF THE DICE HE ROLLED!
HE ONLY TOLD US TO LOOK AT THE SCREEN BEHIND HIM!
THAT GUY...




HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH THE DICE IN THE BOWL!

THE 3 CONSECUTIVE I'S ROLLED ON THE SCREEN,
JUST ONE MORE THING!


AND LET ME SAY,
WHAT!?

WHEN HE THREW THE DICE WITH HIS RIGHT HAND INTO ONE SIDE OF THE BOWL,

R-RIDICU-LOUS! THAT'S CRAZY!

ON THE 3RD ROLL...

BUT,

THE PROJECTION SHOWED THE DICE ENTERING THE BOWL FROM THE SAME SIDE AS WELL.

NATU-RALLY,

IN OTHER WORDS,

IT ENTERED FROM THE OPPOSITE SIDE!

WHICH MEANS THAT THE PROBA-BILITY OF 1 BEING ROLLED IS STILL...

THAT PRO-JECTION IS 100% FAKE FOR SURE!

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20 SECONDS!

20 SECONDS REMAINING TO MAKE A DECISION!

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WHA..!

U...!

LET ME OUT!

UWAA!

SO NOISY...

AHHH!

LET ME OUT!

OPEN THE GATE!

HA HA

HEY YOU...

WHAT?

AFTERALL, THIS IS...

. . . . . .

NOPE.

AREN'T YOU GOING TO GET OUT?

THIS IS NO DIFFERENT,

FROM THAT OTHER GAMBLE WITH THE RAINING MONEY!

YOU MUST, HAVE REALIZED IT AS WELL...

AND THE OTHERS IN THE OTHER CIRCLES...

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MITSURU...

WHAT DOES HE...MEAN?

Z-ZERO...

IT'LL BE FINE!

BUT...

SIT LIKE HOW I'M SITTING!

EVERYTHING WILL BE FINE SO JUST SIT!

YUUKI, SIT DOWN!

HIROSHI,

BUT...

OK...

UMM...

IT'S NOT GOOD!

THAT 2...

WHAT?

10 SECONDS!

HUH?

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HII!

AHH!

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5...!

TIME'S UP!

THE TIME FOR MAKING YOUR DECISION,

HAS NOW RUN OUT!

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HA HA

IT'S TIME FOR THE FATEFUL MOMENT!

NOW THAT THE GATES HAVE BEEN CLOSED...

WELL THEN,

BUT AS EXPECTED FROM ZERO!

THE CIRCLES SEEM RATHER EMPTY...

IT SEEMS THAT A LOT OF PEOPLE WERE UNDECIDED!

INTERE-STING!

HOW VERY.

THAT ZERO SAW THROUGH EVERYTHING!

EVEN AMONGST THAT PANIC...

YES SIR!

HEY!

ON ALL THE STATIONS EXCEPT NUMBER 4!

DROP THE STEEL BALLS,

AND IT'S A 4!

HII...!

EH...?

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FALL!!

HII!!!

UWAAA!

AHHH!

HAAH!

HIII!!

AGHH!

GUH!

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GAAH!

AGH...

AHH...

BUT IT WAS STILL UNPLEAS-ANT...

BUT STILL...

JUST AS I THOUGHT...

HA HA...

HAH!

HAH!

THIS STEEL BALL...!

IT...

CAN'T REACH THE EDGE OF THE CIRCLE!

BECAUSE THE BALL...

WE'RE PER-FECTLY FINE!

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IT PLAYED NO REAL IMPORTANCE TO THIS EVENT AT ALL!

IT WAS JUST A BLUFF!

CORRECT!

THAT IS WHY I MADE THAT STATEMENT AT THE END,

ALLOWING ANYONE WHO AT LEAST ENTERED THE CIRCLE WOULD PASS!

THE SAFE EDGES OF THE CIRCLE...

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GAMBLING INSTINCT!

HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH THINGS LIKE,

THE REAL ANSWER TO THIS PROBLEM...

AS LONG AS YOU CALMLY ANALYZED THE SITUATION AND USED YOUR HEAD,

UGH!

TO THIS EVENT!

THAT WAS THE TRUE SOLUTION...

ANYONE COULD HAVE CLEARED THIS EVENT!

23 PEOPLE!

THE NUMBER OF QUALIFIED CONTESTANTS IS...

ONLY 23 PEOPLE MANAGED TO PASS!

YET,

SUCH A SIMPLE PROBLEM...

HAHA

HAHA

WHAT'S WRONG, MITSURU?

MY LEGS WON'T LISTEN TO ME...

23!

HAHA...

FINE I'LL HELP YOU UP...

JEEZ...

SORRY.

S...

HAHA.

THANKS.

I THINK I WAS JUST TOO SHOCKED.

I FEEL LIKE I OVERDID IT.

THIS...

AH!!

AH!!

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HUH!?

第4話 アクシデント

AH!!

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AHH!

AH...!

MITSURU!

AHH!

MOVE!

WE NEED TO GET HIM OUT!

CLEAR THE WAY!

ACCI-DENT!

IT'S AN...

HH

BENY BRAND

NO FAT

MITSURU!

MITSURU!

AHH...

MY CONSCIOUSNESS...

IT'S FADING... AWAY...

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ごわ…

FADING...

ごわ…

IT'LL WORSEN IF IT MOVES!

DON'T TRY TO MOVE HIM, HIS HEAD IS IN CRITICAL CONDITION!

STOP!

MITSURU!

GUH!

UUU...!

シク・・・

MITSURU...

UGH!

UU...

シク・・・

FADING AWAY...

AHHHH...

I'M FADING AWAY...

FADING AWAY...

I NEVER ACCOM-PLISHED ANYTHING...

YET MY LIFE IS ALREADY ENDING!

WAS NEVER NEEDED...

WAS NEVER LIKED..!!

I NEVER STOOD OUT...

NOR WAS I EVER HELPED...

NEVER HELPED ANYONE,

AND NEVER LOVED BACK...

NEVER FOUND LOVE...

I NEVER AMOUNTED TO ANYTHING...

BUT MY LIFE IS ENDING ALREADY!

DON'T PUSH YOURSELF, JUST STAY PUT!

NO NEED TO TALK!

ZERO...

RED CROSS

ZERO...

HUH?

ZERO...

RED CROSS

MAKE ME INTO A TRUE RIGHTEOUS THIEF...!

PLEASE,

WIN...

WHAT?

PLEASE WIN...

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-RED CROSS-

TO SAVE PEOPLE...

PLEASE HELP THOSE WHO ARE SUFFERING...

AND USE IT...

WIN THAT MONEY...

PLEASE HELP THOSE PEOPLE!

THOSE WHO'VE LOST ALL HOPE TO KEEP ON LIVING IN THIS WORLD...

THE MISFORTUNATE AND IMPOVERISHED...

IF...

IF...

MITSURU...

THEN I'LL...

IF... YOU CAN DO THAT...

AFTER ALL...

EVEN IF I DIE HERE, MY LIFE WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN IN VAIN!

HAVE BECOME A TRUE RIGHTEOUS THIEF...

WE'LL ALWAYS BE ONE AS COMRADES...!

RIGHT?

uu...

MITSURU!!

MOVE!

GET HIM ON THE STRETCHER!

YES!

WITH THIS, THE COMPETITION JUST SHRUNK BY 1 PERSON!

THIS IS GREAT!

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IT'S A TRILLION YEN WE'RE [TALKING] ABOUT HERE!

IDIOT!

THAT BARELY CHANGES ANYTHING!

HEY, HEY...

FROM 23 TO 22!

VOOT

BBS

PLEASE SIR, I HAVE A REQUEST TO ASK OF YOU!

WHAT?

UMM...

EVEN THAT ONE PERSON CAN MAKE A HUGE DIFFERENCE!

VOOT

BBS

WHAAAATTT!?

IF I COULD MAYBE TAKE HIS PLACE!..

SINCE 1 PERSON HAS DROPPED OUT...

WELL... IT'S JUST THAT...

HAHAHA!

SHUT UP!

WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU SAYING!

YOU CAN STILL ASK THAT WITH A STRAIGHT FACE...!

EVENT THOUGH YOU'RE RIDING ON THE MISFORTUNES OF OTHERS...

YEAHHHHH!

WHAT!?

I'LL LET YOU PARTICIPATE!

I LIKE IT!

HAHA...

STOP COM-PLAINING!

SHUT THE HELL UP!

BUT..!

YES!

WOOHOO!

UGH!

OR ARE YOU REALLY GOING TO ARGUE AGAINST THE ORGANIZER'S DECISIONS!

HAHAHA!

THAT THERE WAS GOING TO BE 1 LESS PERSON...!

JUST WHEN I THOUGHT,

WHAT THE FUCK!

GRR!

VOOT

...

YEAAHH!

HAHA!

I DID IT!

MAYBE WE SHOULD GO TO THE HOSPITAL WITH MITSURU..!

WILL IT BE ALRIGHT?

A MIRACULOUS REVIVAL!

THIS IS MY HIDDEN STRENGTH!

NO, I'M NOT GOING!

ZERO..!

BUT...

THAT ISN'T THE CASE!

THEN I WOULD GO!

IF GOING WITH MITSURU TO THE HOSPITAL MEANT THAT HIS LIFE WOULD BE SAVED...

ZERO...

WELL... YEAH BUT...

I'LL...

FIGHT!

YODT

AGAINST THOSE GUYS...!

I NEED TO STAY HERE,

AND WIN!

I DEFINITELY WON'T LOSE!

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EVEN IF YOU WENT TO THE HOSPITAL...

IT WOULDN'T CHANGE ANYTHING!

THAT'S THE CORRECT DECISION!

THAT'S RIGHT!

HEH HEH

A REAL MAN WOULDN'T DO THAT...

JUST STUPID SENTIMENTALISM!

IF YOU'RE A REAL MAN...

IT'S STUPID!

IT WOULD BE OF NO BENEFIT TO ANYBODY...

A REAL MAN WOULD CARRY ON THE LAST WORDS OF HIS COMRADE...

AND FIGHT!

THIS IS THE TIME TO STAND UP AND FIGHT!

BUT...

IT'S THE ONLY WAY!

HIS DEATH WOULD HAVE ALL BEEN FOR NOTHING...

OTHERWISE...

WHAT NONSENSE!

THAT KID... TELLING HIM TO SAVE THE PEOPLE...

NO!

DOES THAT MAKE YOU A BETTER PERSON?

EVEN IF YOU CRY,

THOSE TEARS AREN'T ANY DIFFERENT FROM THE ONES YOU SHED WHEN WATCHING A SAD MOVIE!

STOP THAT!

MITSURU...

MITSURU...

HUMANS ARE JUDGED BY...

BEING EMOTIONALLY AFFECTED IS NOT ENOUGH!

THOSE TEARS WON'T AMOUNT TO ANYTHING...

PLEASE ENTER THE FACILITY!

WOULD THE 23 QUALIFIED CONTESTANTS...

A

THE GATE TO THE MAIN EVENT.

NOT THEIR DISPLAY OF EMOTIONS!

THEIR ACTIONS!

Dreamy Kingdom

THE DREAM KINGDOM!

YOU CAN SEE...

AH!

AND AT THERE...

HUH?

AND PAST THOSE BUILDINGS...

INSIDE...

NEWLY CONSTRUCTED HOTELS AND BUILDINGS!

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864
—RED CROSS—

第5話 入場

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ざわ…

THERE WERE STILL MANY MORE CONTESTANTS WAITING...!

EVEN MORE PEOPLE!

HAVE GONE THROUGH THE SAME STEEL BALL EVENT.

SET UP AT THE OTHER GATES,

AND PASSED SAFELY!

ALL THESE PEOPLE,

THERE NEEDS TO BE MORE PEOPLE!

WE WOULDN'T CHOOSE THE ONE TO ENTRUST ZAIZEN'S FORTUNES FROM A POOL OF ONLY 23 PEOPLE!

IT SHOULD NOT BE SURPRISING THAT...

ISN'T IT OBVIOUS?

THEY'RE THE QUALIFIED CONTESTANTS FROM THE OTHER GATES!

YOU DIDN'T KNOW?

W-WHAT'S THE MEANING OF THIS...?

E.C.R.C

RED C

IT IS FINALLY TIME!

GENTLE-MEN!

QUIET DOWN, PLEASE...

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JUST A SHORT EXPLA-NATION.

BUT BEFORE THAT,

TIME FOR THE MAIN EVENT!

IF YOU WIN AT ANY OF THE GAMES,

THE CHOICE IS UP TO YOU.

YOU CAN CHOOSE WHICH ONES YOU WANT TO DO.

THERE ARE OVER 40 GAMBLING ATTRACTIONS.

IN THIS DREAM KINGDOM,

YOU WILL BE GIVEN ONE OF THSE RINGS!

YOU WILL RECEIVE THIS!

ガチ

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THOSE WHO COLLECT...

ごわ

BBS

NOW THEN,

THEY WILL CONTINUE ON TO THE NEXT STAGE!

QUALIFY!

3 OF THESE RINGS WILL...

THAT YOU SHOULD BE AWARE OF!

THERE ARE 3 MAIN THINGS,

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ALL 3 LEVELS WILL GIVE YOU RINGS WHEN YOU WIN!

NO MATTER THE LEVEL,

THESE ARE THE 3 LEVELS.

SAFETY, MILD, HARD.

SAFETY

MILD

HARD

BUT WHAT WILL VARY...

IT SHOULD GO WITHOUT SAYING THAT MULTIPLE RINGS WILL BE EARNED ON MILD OR HARD LEVELS.

MILD

HARD

ARE THE NUMBER OF RINGS YOU RECEIVE. YOU MIGHT GET 2 OR MAYBE EVEN 3.

BUT...

THAT IS WHY YOU MUST ALL BE PREPARED!

YOU MIGHT SUFFER PHYSICAL AND/OR MENTAL DAMAGES!

IF YOU LOSE, IT WON'T JUST END AT THAT...

HOWEVER, AT ALL THE GAMBLING STATIONS, YOU WILL BE FORCED TO DROP OUT AS SOON AS YOU LOSE!

CERTAIN STATIONS WILL BE MARKED AS SAFE AND WILL HAVE NO PUNISH-MENTS.

YES...

HAHA.

IF YOU LOSE JUST ONCE...!

NO MATTER WHAT,

SO I'D ADVISE YOU TO BE CAREFUL!

YOU WILL BE DISQUALIFIED!

IT WON'T BE AS BAD AS IT SOUNDS...

WELL...

HAHA.

ごわ..

ごわ

ごわ

BECAUSE I WILL AGAIN BE SHOWING YOU MY GENEROSITY WITH THIS...

BUT ALSO, YOU WILL NOT BE FORCED TO DROP OUT EVEN IF YOU LOSE.

NOT ONLY WILL YOU GET A RING IF YOU WIN,

ON THE GAMBLES MARKED WITH THIS "J..."

PLEASE TAKE A LOOK AT THIS!

J

THESE J-MARKED STATIONS ARE RANDOMLY SCATTERED AROUND THE ENTIRE PARK,

SO FIND THEM YOURSELF!

ISN'T THAT JUST GREAT?

NOW THEN...

HMM.

IT WILL BE QUITE HELPFUL!

I'D RECOMMEND THAT YOU KNOW WHERE THESE STATIONS ARE LOCATED.

J

ONCE AGAIN, COLLECTING 3 RINGS IS THE OBJECTIVE

SHALL WE GET STARTED?

ごわ！！

THE GAMBLE BATTLE, WILL NOW OFFICIALLY BEGIN!

THE TIME LIMIT IS 3 HOURS!

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YOU MUST COLLECT 3 RINGS!

IN 3 HOURS.

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TIME IS MONEY.

SO DON'T WASTE IT!

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GET GOING!

CHOOSE WHICHEVER GAMBLES YOU WISH TO DO...!

RUN!

WHERE'S THE J!?

J!!!

THE J!!

おおおおおっ…

J

FOUND IT...!

AHH...

UOOOHH!

IT'S COMPLETELY FULL!

THE J...

IT'S NO USE...

WHAT SHOULD WE DO?

WE'D HAVE TO WAIT ALMOST 2 HOURS TO GET IN...

HUH?

HOW ABOUT THIS...!

JACK ROOM

LEVEL MILD

LEVEL MILD

JACK ROOM

WHICH MEANS WE'LL BE INJURED IF WE LOSE!

THE LEVEL IS MILD...

JUST WAIT A MINUTE, ZERO...

HEY...

I WANT TO MAKE SURE...

THIS IS FINE...!

NO...

LET'S LOOK FOR SAFETY STATIONS SO WE'LL AT LEAST BE UNHARMED EVEN IF WE LOSE...!

LET'S LOOK AROUND MORE!

JUST WHAT KIND OF A GAMBLE IS A MILD?

AND JUST HOW SERIOUS THEY REALLY ARE...

THE TRUE INTENTIONS OF THOSE ORGANIZERS!

JACK ROOM

I WANT TO SEE...

ZERO...

.....

JUST WAIT FOR ME...

.....

DOO

WELCOME TO THE JACK ROOM!

WELCOME!

IT'LL PROBABLY ONLY BE ANOTHER 5 MINUTES.

THERE IS ANOTHER PLAYER ALREADY PLAYING RIGHT NOW.

PLEASE WAIT JUST A LITTLE WHILE HERE.

AGHHH!!!

WELL THEN,

IF YOU'LL PLEASE ENTER THE ROOM...

IT SEEMS THEY'VE ALREADY FINISHED.

AH!

AGHHHH!

...

UGH...

WHAT HAPPENED?

W...

THE FINGER!

HEE HEE...

WHAT DID YOU JUST DO...

AND LOST...

HE BET HIS FINGER,

AND SO I WON HIS FINGER!

THAT'S ALL I DID...!

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儂は強い……！

対戦相手……ぶっ飛ばす!!

絶対的な自信!!

なぜ……!?

今日はこれが……

増える！

大量に

もらった……！

を手にすることができるのか!?

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ククク…！

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